

Remarks

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-23 were pending in this application, and subject to a Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-15, 22, and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice as drawn to non-elected subject matter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue protection of any or all of the cancelled subject matter in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications. New claim 24-31 have been added. Support for the addition of claims 24-31 can be found throughout the specification and the original claims. Representative support can be found in the English language translation of the specification at least at page 18, lines 22-25, page 20, lines 30-35, page 23, lines 6-16, page 42, lines 18-27, referential example 25 and example 1a. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

After entry of this amendment, **Claims 16-21 and 24-31 are pending in the application.** Consideration of the pending claims is requested.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group VII (claims 16-21), directed to an aniline derivative without traverse. Applicants have added new claims 24-31, which are directed to a method of using the aniline derivative of claims 16-21. As is pointed out on page 5 of the Office action, under 37 C.F.R. 1.475(b) the claimed invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn to “(2) a product and a process of using said product.” The claims pending after entry of this amendment meet this criteria and there is unity of invention present.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims submitted herewith should all be recombined and considered in the current case, and as such they are in a condition for substantive examination. If an additional restriction requirement is asserted, or if the present restriction requirement is maintained, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned prior to issuance of the next Office action, in order to arrange a telephonic

interview. It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. This request is being submitted under MPEP §713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

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